

Hurricane Katrina Update from Assemblymember Pedro Nava
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Hurricane Katrina Overview
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Overview of Event

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a Category Four hurricane, hit the Gulf States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, making landfall in Biloxi. The impacts included major disruption to transportation, communications, and general infrastructure within the region. Transportation sector impacts included maritime, highway, transit, rail, and pipeline facilities. Unexpected levee breaks created floodwaters that left an unprecedented amount of debris and resultant public health and medical challenges.

State Operations Center (SOC) - The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) activated the SOC on September 1, 2005. OES is coordinating emergency management resources sent from California, while ensuring that enough resources remain within the State to adequately respond and recover in the event of a disaster here. For more information, visit our website at www.OES.CA.GOV.

Emergency Declaration - The Governor signed a letter to the President on September 6 requesting an Emergency Declaration for the State of California as a result of Hurricane Katrina evacuations and associated activities, beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing. All counties and cities within the State of California may potentially be affected by this event.

Evacuees in CA - Evacuated hurricane survivors coming into or already located in California need to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the appropriate aid at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or utilize their website at www.fema.gov. This will ensure that they are registered in the national system and can be contacted for any additional, information, relief, or support. The American Red Cross is also providing individual assistance on a case-by-case basis and urging victims to call 1-800-435-7669 (1-800-Help-Now) or visit their website at www.redcross.org.

The American Red Cross reported that California has opened approximately 2,532 cases. A case is either an individual, couple or family of evacuees. There is currently one shelter open in San Diego, California. The stream of evacuees seeking assistance in California continues to grow. Evacuees are arriving through faith-based organizations, friends/family, philanthropists or on their own. Several local governments in the states have or will open local assistance centers for evacuees. OES is also coordinating with other state agencies to assess available services they can provide.

The Salvation Army (SA) has also been providing case workers and food for an evacuee center in the San Diego area since Saturday (September 10). SA Mobile Kitchens from California were also scheduled to be in Dallas on the afternoon of September 12, and they anticipate beginning to serve meals on September 13, 2005.

Potential Evacuees - OES continues to work with FEMA and local government to inventory local government capability to relocate evacuees, should FEMA request additional support.

FEMA had earlier distributed an evacuee relocation schedule for September 8-14, 2005; California was not included on this rotation. OES received notification that as Sunday, September 11, evacuee flights from New Orleans have been suspended by FEMA. For any remaining people wishing to leave New Orleans, they are going to utilize existing shelters in Louisiana and some border states that are able to accommodate additional evacuees. FEMA advises their Mass Care operation has entered the next phase of the recovery effort, which is moving people from shelters into temporary housing.

CA Resources Deployed -

- As of September 12, 2005, there are currently 1,557 California personnel committed through OES Mission Tasking orders.
- 14 personnel previously deployed for Katrina are now assigned to the “National White Team” for response to Hurricane Ophelia, a Category One hurricane centered off the coast of the Carolinas.
- The California National Guard reports a total of 1,023 Guard members are deployed (809 on ground out-of-state and 214 mobilized) in response to Hurricane Katrina.
- One OES employee from OES’ Southern Region is now on ground in Louisiana as the California liaison at their State Emergency Operations Center.

National Information

Disaster Declaration Activity – Emergency declarations have been issued for the following states as a result of Hurricane Katrina. FEMA is authorized to provide Public Assistance Category B (emergency protective measures) reimbursement:

Emergency Declarations

Number	Date	State	Title
3241	09/12	Arizona	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3240	09/12	Virginia	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3239	09/10	Iowa	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3238	09/10	Indiana	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3237	09/10	Alabama	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3236	09/10	Kansas	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3235	09/10	Pennsylvania	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3234	09/10	South Dakota	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3233	09/10	South Carolina	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3232	09/10	Missouri	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3231	09/10	Kentucky	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3230	09/07	Illinois	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3229	09/07	New Mexico	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3228	09/07	Oregon	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3227	09/07	Washington	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3226	09/07	District of Columbia	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3225	09/07	Michigan	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation

3224	09/05	Colorado	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3223	09/05	Utah	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3222	09/05	North Carolina	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3221	09/05	West Virginia	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3220	09/05	Florida	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3219	09/05	Oklahoma	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3218	09/05	Georgia	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3217	09/05	Tennessee	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation
3216	09/02	Texas	Hurricane Katrina
3215	09/02	Arkansas	Hurricane Katrina
3214	08/28	Alabama	Hurricane Katrina
3213	08/28	Mississippi	Hurricane Katrina
3212	08/27	Louisiana	Hurricane Katrina

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